

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the Abstract on the first paragraph on page 8, lines 1-7 with the following amended paragraph:

A handle Handle (20) or handles for a blower (10) carried ~~[[in]]~~ on the back of an operator. The handle (20) or handles are placed on a stiff section (15) of a blower tube (13) extending from the blower (10). A longitudinal axis ~~[[axil]]~~ of the handle (20) or handles is placed outside the circumference of the stiff section (15) of the blower tube (13) when seen in a plane perpendicular to the longitudinal axis ~~[[axle]]~~ of the stiff section (15) of the blower tube (13). The projection of the longitudinal axis ~~[[axle]]~~ of the handle (20) in said plane is parallel to a straight line extending through the geometrical center of the cross section of the stiff section (15) of the blower tube (13).

Please insert the following prior to the first paragraph on page 1, line 3:

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

Please insert the following prior to the fourth paragraph on page 2, line 16:

**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

Please insert the following prior to the eighth paragraph on page 3, line 34:

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWINGS**

Please insert the following prior to the fifth paragraph on page 4, line 9:

**DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION**

Please replace the second paragraph on page 1, lines 7-14 with the following amended paragraph:

Engine powered blowers are frequently used for different kinds of outdoor work. The number of areas where blowers are used is increasing. In many areas ~~[[are]]~~ blowers are replacing traditional brooms since a blower is an efficient and time saving tool for cleaning large areas such as parking places, pavements and lawns. The cleaning of, for example, a parking area with conventional equipment is difficult and time consuming because of parked cars and other obstacles on the parking place. If a blower is used, ~~[[is]]~~ it is possible to blow the rubbish from underneath or behind parked cars or

obstacles, which increases efficiency and saves time as well as improves the final result.

Please replace the fourth paragraph on page 1, lines 21-31 with the following amended paragraph:

A blower carried on the back of the operator is supported by straps that extend over the shoulders of the operator. The blower is provided with a blower tube consisting of two sections, a first soft section secured to the fan outlet on the blower body on the back of the operator, and a second section that is a stiff pipe. The first soft section makes it possible to move the position of the stiff pipe. The blower tube extends from the fan outlet placed on one side of the blower on the back of the operator and forward to a position in front of the operator. On the blower tube, ~~[[is]]~~ a handle is secured to the tube so that the operator can control and steer the position of the end of the blower tube ~~[[to]]~~ in order to perform the work intended. The handle on blowers already existing on the market is placed on top of the blower tube somewhere along the blower tube and extending in a radial direction from the topside of the circumference of the blower tube. Even though a blower facilitates work for the operator, his arms and hands are subjected to heavy loads due to the design of the handle. These loads must be reduced to improve working conditions for an operator who is working long shifts with the tool. The claimed invention aims to reduce this problem.

Please replace the sixth paragraph on page 2, lines 29-34 continuing to page 3, lines 1-3 with the following amended paragraph:

This position of the handle reduces the distance between the centre of the blower tube and the centre of the handle. A shorter distance between the centre of the handle and the centre of the blower tube reduces the turning movement in the handle, and consequently the loads that the operator is subjected to. The distance between the surface of the handle where the operator holds his hand and the outer circumference of the blower tube is preferably between 15 to 60 millimetres. The distance is measured between the point at the circumference of the blower tube and the surface of the handle that are placed at the shortest distance from each other. If the distance is bigger, the

reduction of the turning movement in the handle that the operator is subjected to will be reduced.

Please replace the fourth paragraph on page 3, lines 14-20 with the following amended paragraph:

The handle or handle bar is attached to a curved arm secured to the blower tube by a loop surrounding the blower tube. The arm first extends in a perpendicular direction from the blower tube and is then curved towards the operator in order to reduce the distance from the operator to the handle or handle bar. The curved arm makes it possible to have a blower tube with a long flexible section without ending up with a handle or handle bar placed too far away from the operator's body. This improves the manoeuvrability of the blower tube.

Please replace the fifth paragraph on page 3, lines 22-25 with the following amended paragraph:

The curved arm is allowed to turn in relation to the blower tube. This makes it possible to change the angle between the longitudinal axis of the handle and the longitudinal axis of the blower tube so that the operator can select the most comfortable position of the handle.

Please replace the seventh paragraph on page 3, lines 30-32 with the following amended paragraph:

The cross section of the blower tube is normally a circle but other cross sections will also work. The handle is then placed so that the longitudinal axis is parallel to a straight line that extends through the geometrical centre of the cross section in use.

Please replace the third paragraph on page 4, line 6 with the following amended paragraph:

Figure 3. Illustrates a top view of the handle and blower tube section in figure 2.

Please replace the eighth paragraph on page 4, lines 28-34 with the following amended paragraph:

The loop 22 is fastened to the blower tube 13 by a screw 24 that is controlled by a wheel 23. When the screw 24 is loosened, ~~released~~ is the loop 22 is released from the blower tube 13 so that the position of the loop 22 and the handle 20 in accordance to the blower tube 13 could be changed. The position of the handle 20 and the loop 22 is then selected somewhere around the circumference of the blower tube 13. The handle 20 and the loop 22 are also movable along the stiff section 15 of the blower tube 13. The position of the handle 20 is selected by the operator to be comfortable and ergonomic.

Please replace the first paragraph on page 5, lines 2-5 with the following amended paragraph:

When the screw 24 is loosened, ~~released~~ is the curved arm 21 is allowed to turn in relation to the loop 22 and the longitudinal ~~[[axle]]~~ axis of the blower tube 13. This makes it possible to change the angle of the handle 20 in relation to the longitudinal ~~[[axle]]~~ axis of the blower tube 13 so that the operator can select the most comfortable angle of the handle 20.

Please replace the second paragraph on page 5, lines 7-12 with the following amended paragraph:

In figure 3 is a topside view of the handle 20, the curved arm 21 and the blower tube illustrated. The curved arm 21 extends in a transverse direction from the blower tube and the loop 22 while the outer end of the curved arm 21 is pointing in the opposite direction as the blower tube 13. The curved arm 21 makes it possible to have a longer flexible section 14 of the blower tube 13 without risking that the handle 20 will be positioned ~~[[to]]~~ too far away from the operator.

Please replace the third paragraph on page 5, lines 14-19 with the following amended paragraph:

In figure 4 is a cross section of the blower ~~[[tub]]~~ tube 13 illustrated. The longitudinal ~~[[axle]]~~ axis A of the handle 20 is substantially parallel to a straight line L extending through the geometrical centre of the cross section of the stiff section 15 of the blower tube 13. If the handle 20 is moved around the circumference of the blower ~~[[tub]]~~ tube

13 will the longitudinal axis A of the handle 20 still be parallel to a straight line L in the blower tube 13.